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(U) Santa Rosa – Cocaine, Ecstasy, Opiates Seized in Santa Rosa Drug Bust

(U) A 28-year-old Santa Rosa resident has been arrested as a result of a narcotics trafficking investigation that began in early June, police said. Jureath Som was booked into the Sonoma County Jail on 10 July on drug and ammunition charges after being detained at his place of work. The Santa Rosa Police Department's Narcotics Team then served a search warrant at Som's house, where they discovered approximately 11-ounces of cocaine, 152 Ecstasy tablets, prescription opiates and loaded firearm, magazines and ammunition. Additional items related to the sale of narcotics located at the residence included sales and packaging material. Police also located and seized \$2,000 cash.

SOURCE: 11 July 2019, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Customs and Border Protection Seize \$2.1 Million of Narcotics in Two Days

(U) San Diego – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers assigned to the Otay Mesa cargo facility seized \$2.1 million of narcotics in two days. The first incident occurred on 1 July, when a 36-year-old male Mexican citizen entered the port of entry driving a truck with cargo manifested as electrical equipment. The CBP officer referred the truck for further inspection where a K9 team alerted to the rear cargo area. Officers searched the shipment and discovered 285 large wrapped packages of methamphetamine and 33 containers of marijuana oil, weighing more than 1,140 pounds. The second incident occurred on 2 July, when a 52-year-old male Mexican citizen entered the port of entry driving a tractor-trailer with cargo manifested as broccoli. The CBP officer referred the truck for further inspection, where a K9 team alerted on the pallets of broccoli. Officers and discovered a total of 315 large wrapped packages of marijuana, weighing more than 3,365 pounds.

SOURCE: 10 July 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) Texas– US Border Patrol Agents Seizes Over 1,000 Pounds of Marijuana

(U) Presidio – On 9 July, a Border Patrol Agent assigned to the Presidio Border Patrol Station conducted a vehicle stop on a van. The agent, with the assistance of a Border Patrol K9, discovered large bundles in the back of the van during the stop. After further investigation, agents discovered the bundles contained over 1,000 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana has an approximate street value of nearly one million dollars. Both the driver and passenger were taken into custody without incident.

SOURCE: 9 July 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Connecticut – 25 Gang Members Arrested In Major Drug Bust Operation

(U) New Haven – City police and federal authorities announced 25 members of an alleged drug ring responsible for recent violence in the city were indicted on 10 July. Those indicted are associated with the Island Brothers, Police Chief Otoniel Reyes said the group is allegedly responsible for multiple homicides and shootings in the city and beyond, including “the lion's share of the gun violence in the

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city.” the investigation began more than a year ago and spanned multiple towns, cities and states. The arrests were a result of an investigation headed by the FBI’s New Haven Safe Streets/Gang Task Force and New Haven Police Department, targeting drug trafficking and “related acts of violence by members, former members and associates of the ‘Island Brothers’ street gang.” “As alleged, these drug trafficking networks have been responsible for the distribution of significant quantities of heroin, crack and cocaine in Connecticut and Massachusetts,” said the Connecticut US Attorney.

SOURCE: 11 July 2019, [New Haven Register](#)

(U) Indiana – Latin King Gang Member Convicted of Conspiracy to Participate in Racketeering Activity, Including Two Murders

(U) Hammond – A member of the Chicago-based Latin Kings street gang, was convicted by a federal jury of conspiracy to participate in racketeering activity and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute illegal drugs (cocaine, marijuana, and alprazolam). The jury found that Jeremiah Farmer, as part of the racketeering conspiracy, beat Marion Lowry and Harvey Siegers, to death with a hammer at their Hammond business, Calumet Auto Rebuilders. The jury also found that Farmer conspired to distribute or possess with intent to distribute five-kilograms of cocaine and 100-kilograms of marijuana as part of the racketeering and drug conspiracy.

SOURCE: 9 July 2019, [ATF](#)

(U) Maryland – Federal Indictment Charges 16 in Violent Baltimore Drug Distribution Conspiracy

(U) Baltimore – A federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging 16 individuals in a violent drug distribution conspiracy operating in southwest Baltimore. The indictment was returned on 20 June and unsealed on 3 July. The six-count indictment alleges that from at least 2018 to June 2019, the defendants were members of the Adam Martin and Calvin Claxton drug trafficking organization, and conspired to distribute heroin, powder cocaine, and crack cocaine to drug users and distributors in southwest Baltimore. Members of the drug trafficking organization used residences in Baltimore to process, cut, package, and prepare the drugs for distribution. During the course of the investigation law enforcement seized ten firearms, ammunition, drugs, and more than \$20,000 in drug proceeds.

SOURCE: 9 July 2019, [ATF](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Police Arrest Adams County Man After He Emailed Bomb Threat to CIA

(U) Rome – A bomb threat emailed to the CIA led police to arrest a central Wisconsin man. Rome Police say 33-year-old Chad Wawrzyniak is now in custody, and a bomb squad from Dane County helped recover a device from his property. On 10 July, the CIA informed the Rome Police Department about the threat and the email was traced to Wawrzyniak. When police arrived at his residence, he told officers he had built a bomb and stored it in a shed on his property. The Rome Police Department says in the email to the CIA, Wawrzyniak had threatened to use a bomb to kill a Wisconsin Rapids man.

SOURCE: 10 July 2019, [Wisconsin Rapids Tribune](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Virgin Islands – US Customs and Border Protection Agents Seize \$372K on Beach in St. Thomas

(U) St. Thomas – On 9 July, US CBP officers seized \$372,000 in undeclared currency found inside a duffel bag on the beach near a vessel found in Bordeaux Bay. US CBP Air and Marine Operations (AMO) Marine Interdiction agents (MIAs) received a call from a concerned citizen about a suspicious boat, making landfall in Bordeaux Bay, St. Thomas. The caller stated that three men were onboard and intentionally beached a 20-ft Boston Whaler. The MIAs responded by vehicle to the area and noticed a single duffel bag still sitting in the sand near the boat with a Puerto Rico registration. Agents conducted a sweep of the area but were unable to locate any of the suspects. Inside the duffel bag, agents found an

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undetermined amount of cash in vacuum-sealed packages. US Homeland Security Investigations assumed custody of the seized currency and is heading the investigation.

SOURCE: 10 July 2019, [CBP](#)

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